

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 9/10/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve 1) renewal contract (Clerk's File) with Lucia Mar Unified School District for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$54,195 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes; 2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$116,421 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health; and 3) a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add one 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve and direct Chairperson to sign the renewal contract with Lucia Mar Unified School District (LMUSD), for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$54,195 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes;</li> <li>2) Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$116,421 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health (4/5 vote required); and</li> <li>3) Approve a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) School District, Medi-Cal, SELPA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$116,421.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$116,421.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314008 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>08/28/2012</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director

DATE: 9/10/2013

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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- 3) Approve a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.

## **DISCUSSION**

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education.

Previously under California law, the local county mental health plans were mandated through Government Code 7570, also known as AB 3632, to provide educationally related mental health services. Effective October 8, 2010, responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services falls to local school districts and their local Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children. The County has a separate contract with San Luis Obispo SELPA, which your Board approved on July 16, 2013, to facilitate coordination and funding for all educationally related mental health services provided throughout all of San Luis Obispo County.

The school district has requested the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education students. The contract facilitates a team approach with school staff and County staff to provide support and coordination to serve each child's needs as identified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention. Below is the team for the school district:

School	# County Mental Health Therapists	# Family Care Network Behavioral Specialists	# Classrooms Served	# Students Per Classroom	Total Students
Lucia Mar USD	2	2	3	10	30

For FY 2013-14, Lucia Mar Unified School District is requesting one additional classroom be added for a total of three classrooms to provide on-site clinical support. The request by the District to add the additional classroom will require additional staffing including a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV and an additional Behavioral Specialist. Family Care Network (FCN) currently contracts with the County to provide the Behavioral Specialists to the LMUSD. The latest contract with FCN, scheduled for review and tentative approval by your Board on September 10<sup>th</sup>, will include the additional Behavioral Health Specialist requested by LMUSD. The Behavioral Health Department did review current staffing levels and has determined that it does not have the capacity to facilitate the additional classrooms and caseload with existing County Mental Health staff and is therefore requesting an amendment to the current Position Allocation List to add a 1.0 FTE MHT IV.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect. Human Resources has reviewed and concurs that the appropriate classification for the new positions is MHT IV.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2013-14 Approved Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP, but did not include the unanticipated LMUSD revenue nor the additional cost to provide the additional Mental Health Therapist's time.

To accommodate the additional services for LMUSD, a Budget Adjustment Request is provided for one (1) new Mental Health Therapist IV step 2 position as follows:

Salary (\$113,582 x 1)	\$113,582
Expenses related to providing services, such as computer, etc.	<u>\$ 2,839</u>
Total	\$ 116,421

Reimbursed:

Medi-Cal-EPSDT	\$ 37,460
SELPA	\$ 24,766
School District (LMUSD)	<u>\$ 54,195</u>
Total	\$116,421

When the educationally related mental health services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding are submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

Since the school district is interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, the district will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs that were not provided by SELPA for educationally related mental health services. This would equate to any time staff or contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor. Potential reimbursement amount stipulated in the contract is \$54,195.

#### **RESULTS**

##### **FY 2012-13 ED Services Provided**

School District	# Children Served	# Medi-Cal / EPSDT Funded
LMUSD	5	5

##### **FY 2012-13 ED Measurable Outcomes**

School District	% Children Avoiding Out of Home Placement	% Children Avoiding Suspension or Expulsion	% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
LMUSD	100%	40%	100%

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving

the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under this contract with SELPA and the School District is part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Clerk's Filed Cover Sheet Contract Renewal Lucia Mar USD FY 13-14
2. LMUSD PAL Resolution